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The Government of Gujarat would be finalising such an action plan.

(b) However, a comprehensive Action Plan has been drawn up to provide techno-financial assistance for a massive rehabilitation and reconstruction programme for the earthquake ravaged areas of Gujarat. The plan includes rapid assessment of the extent of damages to houses and buildings, financial assistance, dissemination of appropriate technology, establishment of building and community centres to demonstrate the use of disaster resistant housing including earthquake resistant technologies, adoption of villages and bastis for comprehensive development and setting up of HUDCO offices in Bhuj and Ajhar.

(c) and (d) The design of buildings is required to be carried out as per the building bye-laws of the respective States which should conform to the Bureau of Indian Standards norms and National Building Code. Housing being a State subject, Government have brought the recommendations of the Expert Group on disaster mitigation to the notice of all the State Governments. They were advised in May 1998 to modify their existing building bye-laws by incorporating earthquake safety measures for safer construction of buildings. The States have since been reminded to take action expeditiously.

Visits by Director of Printing

2516. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of visits made by the Director of Printing during the last five years in the country and abroad and the amount incurred on each such visit;

(b) whether he has submitted the inspection report to the competent authority after return from tour; and

(c) in what way Government have been benefited from the visits of Director of Printing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) The Director of Printing has not visited abroad during the last five years. He made 13 visits within the country during the said period. Details of each such visit along with expenditure incurred are given in the statement. (see below)

(b) to (c) As Head of the Department, the Director of Printing is required to visit Government of India Presses and other establishments located in various parts of the country. These visits are mainly for administrative reasons to ensure smooth functioning of the presses in the interest of work. He apprises the Ministry about the outcome of such visits as and when necessary.

Statement

Number of visits made by the Director of Printing within the country during the last 5 years and the amount incurred on each such visit

Sl. No.	Year & Date	Place of Tour	Expenditure
1	2	3	4
			(Rs.)
	1996-97		
1.	5.2.97 to 8.2.97	Mysore	13,089
2.	5.3.97 to 7.3.97	Mumbai & Nashik	9,042
	1997-98		
3.	8.8.97	Aligarh	78
4.	14.8.97	Nilokheri	78
	1998-99		
5.	29.5.98 to 1.6.98	Gangtok	11,599
	1999-2000		
6.	22.9.99 to 24.9.99	Kolkata	12,822
7.	12.11.99 to 15.11.99	Shimla & Chandigarh	2,661

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1	2	3	4
8.	31.12.99 2000-2001	Mumbai	7,880
9.	15.6.00 to 20.6.00	Mysore & Nasik	16,813
10.	2.8.00 to 4.8.00	Kolkata	12,780
11.	29.9.00 to 30.9.00	Kolkata	12,343
12.	14.11.00 to 15.11.00	Kolkata	12,289
13.	4.2.2001 to 10.2.2001	Coimbatore, Mysore, Mumbai & Nashik	40,663
TOTAL			1,52,057

Growth of Slum Population

2517. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:
SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the findings of the Delhi Urban Arts Commission the growth of slum population has been from 18 lakhs in 1991 to 32 lakhs in 2001; and

(b) if so, the action being taken to control this growth, especially in view of the shortage of infrastructure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) The Delhi Urban Arts Commission has reported that it has not conducted any survey about the growth of slum population in Delhi.